

Proceedings of the First Convention of the Managers and Superintendents of Houses of Refuge and Schools of Reform in the United States, held in New York, May 12, 13, 14, 1857. New York, 8vo.—*From the Managers of the House of Refuge.*

Report of the State Librarian to the Legislature of Pennsylvania, with a Catalogue of Books for the year 1857. Harrisburg. 8vo.—*From the State Librarian.*

Catalogue or Alphabetical Index of the Astor Library. Part 1, Authors and Books, A.—E. (Vol. 1.) F.—L. (Vol. 2.)—*From the Trustees of the Astor Library.*

Dr. Le Conte exhibited specimens of a species of Lycopodium from Honduras, which when dry is contracted in the form of a ball; but when placed in water again expands.

A preamble and resolutions, in relation to the duties and compensation of the Treasurer and Librarian, were offered, and after some amendment, were adopted.

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*Stated Meeting, February 19.*

Present, fifty members.

Prof. CRESSON, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Letters were read:—

From the Lyceum of Natural History, dated New York, Feb. 12, 1858, acknowledging the receipt of Nos. 56 and 57 of the Proceedings of this Society:—

From Major J. D. Graham, dated Chicago, Illinois, Jan. 30, 1858, accompanying a donation for the Library:—

From the Publishers of the Journal of Insanity, dated State Asylum, Utica, N. Y. Feb. 3, 1858, with a copy of the Journal and the 13th and 14th Reports of the Managers of the Asylum.

From the Imperial Society of Emulation, dated Abbeville, Jan. 10, 1858, in relation to a copy of their Memoirs.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society. Vol. XVIII. No. 2. Dec. 11, 1857. London. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

- The Astronomical Journal. No. 110. Feb. 13, 1858. Albany. 4to.—*From Dr. B. A. Gould, Jr., Editor.*
- Report of Major J. D. Graham on the Commerce and Improvement of the Western Lake Harbours. Part 1, 1854-5. Part 2, 1856. Senate Document No. 16. Washington. 8vo.—*From the Author.*
- Boston Journal of Natural History. Vol. VI. No. 4. Boston, 1857. 8vo.
- Proceedings of the Boston Society of Natural History, p. 273-304. Oct. 7—Dec. 16, 1857. 8vo.—*From the Society.*
- Journal of the Franklin Institute. Third Series. Vol. XXXV. No. 2. Feb. 1858. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Institute.*
- On the Heights of the Tides of the United States, from Observations on the Coast Survey. (Am. Jour. Sci.) 8vo.—*From A. D. Bache, Sup't. U. S. Coast Survey.*
- The American Journal of Insanity. Vol. XIV. No. 1. July, 1857. Utica. 8vo.
- The Thirteenth and Fourteenth Reports of the Managers of the State Lunatic Asylum at Utica, N. Y. 1856, 1857. Albany. 8vo.—*From the Managers.*
- Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, for 1857. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Directors.*
- Thirtieth Annual Report of the Board of Managers of the House of Refuge, 1858. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Managers.*
- Observations on the Genus Unio, together with descriptions of New Species in the family Unionidæ. Vol. VI. Part 1. 1857. By Isaac Lea, LL.D. Philadelphia. 4to.—*From the Author.*

The minutes of the Board of Officers and Council at their last meeting were read.

A resolution was offered to rescind the resolutions adopted at the last meeting, defining the duties and fixing the compensation of the Treasurer and Librarian.

An amendment was offered that a committee be appointed to revise the laws of the Society, with a view to a definition of the duties of the offices of Librarian and Treasurer, and a proper compensation for such duties:—and pending the consideration of this subject, the Society was adjourned.